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SUBJECT: EC ENERGY POLICY

REF: EC BRUSSELS 2149

1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED THE CURRENT STATUS OF EC PROPOSALS IN THE ENERGY FIELD WITH ECONOMICS MINISTRY DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY KITTEL. KITTEL WHO WILL REPRESENT THE FRG AT THE EC ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING ON APRIL 23 PROVIDED AN ACCOUNT OF THE NEW COMMISSION PROPOSALS ALONG THE LINES OF REFTEL.

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2. KITTEL CHARACTERIZED THE COMMISSION'S NEW PROPOSALS AS AMBITIOUS. HE SAID THERE WAS FAIRLY UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT DURING THE DISCUSSION AT THE APRIL 5 MEETING THAT THE COMMUNITY SHOULD PROCEED CAUTIOUSLY AND DELIBERATELY IN EXAMINING THESE PROPOSALS AND THAT MORE DATA WOULD BE NEEDED. HE ALSO NOTED THE NEED FOR A CAREFUL ANALYSIS OF THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSALS. KITTEL STATED THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PREVIOUS 6 COMMITTEE PROPOSALS HAD BEEN STYMIED AT THE COUNCIL MEETING IN LUXEMBOURG WHERE THE FRENCH WERE WILLING TO ACCEPT ONLY TWO OF THE 6 AND THE UK REJECTED ALL 6.

3. IN RESPONSE TO EMBOFF'S QUESTION KITTEL SAID THAT THE FRG WAS REACTING CAUTIOUSLY TO THE FRENCH PROPOSAL TO CREATE A NEW EC ENERGY AGENCY. HE SAID THE ECONOMIC MINISTRY HAD OPPOSED THE PROPOSAL DURING EARLY DISCUSSION OF IT WITHIN THE FRG BUT THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND THE CHANCELLORY HAD ARGUED THAT THE FRG SHOULD GIVE SOME SUPPORT TO IT. KITTEL SAID THE FRG WOULD ONLY SUPPORT SUCH AN AGENCY IF ITS SCOPE WERE LIMITED TO TECHNOLOGY AND R AND D. HE SAID THE FRG WOULD INSIST THAT IT BE INCORPORATED INTO THE EXISTING COMMUNITY FRAMEWORK AND THAT IT NOT INTERFERE WITH THE ONGOING WORK OF THE ENERGY COORDINATING GROUP. KITTEL SAID THAT THE FRG CONTINUED TO OPPOSE THE FRENCH PROPOSAL FOR STRICT EC REGULATION OF THE INTERNAL PETROLEUM MARKET. HE SAID THE FRG HAD COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT MORE IN WAS NEEDED ON THE PETROLEUM SECTOR BUT IT WAS NOT PREPARED TO SUPPORT INCREASED REGULATION AT THIS TIME.

4. KITTEL SAID THAT EC ENERGY POLICY IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE WILL BE CHARACTERIZED BY LOTS OF MOTION BUT LITTLE PROGRESS. HE SAID THIS SITUATION WOULD STAY THIS WAY UNTIL THE COMMUNITY RECEIVED A NEW IMPULSE TOWARD CLOSER INTEGRATION ACROSS-THE-BOARD. HE SAID THAT IF SUCH AN IMPULSE COMES, THEN CLOSER COOPERATION IN ENERGY WOULD FOLLOW

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THE PATTERN IN OTHER AREAS BUT THAT ENERGY WOULD NOT BE THE ISSUE ON WHICH THIS NEW PUSH FORWARD WOULD BE BASED.

5. KITTEL STATED THAT THE FRG INTENDED TO CALL A COUNCIL MEETING ON ENERGY SOMETIME IN JUNE.
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